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Noodles for Breakfast and Temples for Dessert

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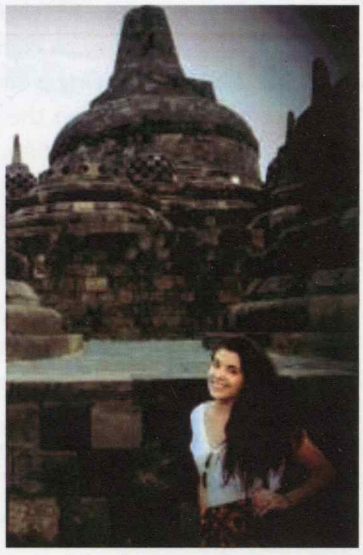
Singapore. Lion City. To some it means the other side of the world; one of the furthest places you can fly to from Montreal. To others, it means the centre of south East Asia; a chance to travel in some of the most fascinating countries in the world. To me, it means a little bit of both. And for the last three months, it has also meant home.

In October 2010, I was at the beginning of my journey as a Loyola International College (LIC) student. I was enrolled in two of the college's great classes, was already friendly with the staff, and had decided to jump on board as VP Academics of the student association. As a program that strives to extend as many opportunities as possible to their students, it seems fitting that it was at a LIC information session that I was introduced to the idea of studying abroad.

Why Singapore? This little city-state can hardly be noticed on the map. Look closely, and you will spot it right underneath Malaysia. Its geography favors a huge economy, and its strict governance makes it one of the cleanest, safest, most integrated countries in the world. Although many things are illegal, such as chewing gum, eating in the metro, bungee jumping, and forgetting to flush, Singapore makes up for it with an electrifying night life and a world-famous culinary scene. When I'm not studying hard at the National University of Singapore, (one of the 30 best universities in the world), you can find me perusing the spice shops in Little India, enjoying Dim Sum in Chinatown, or enjoying a great glass of red wine and taking in the sights of the beautiful skyline.

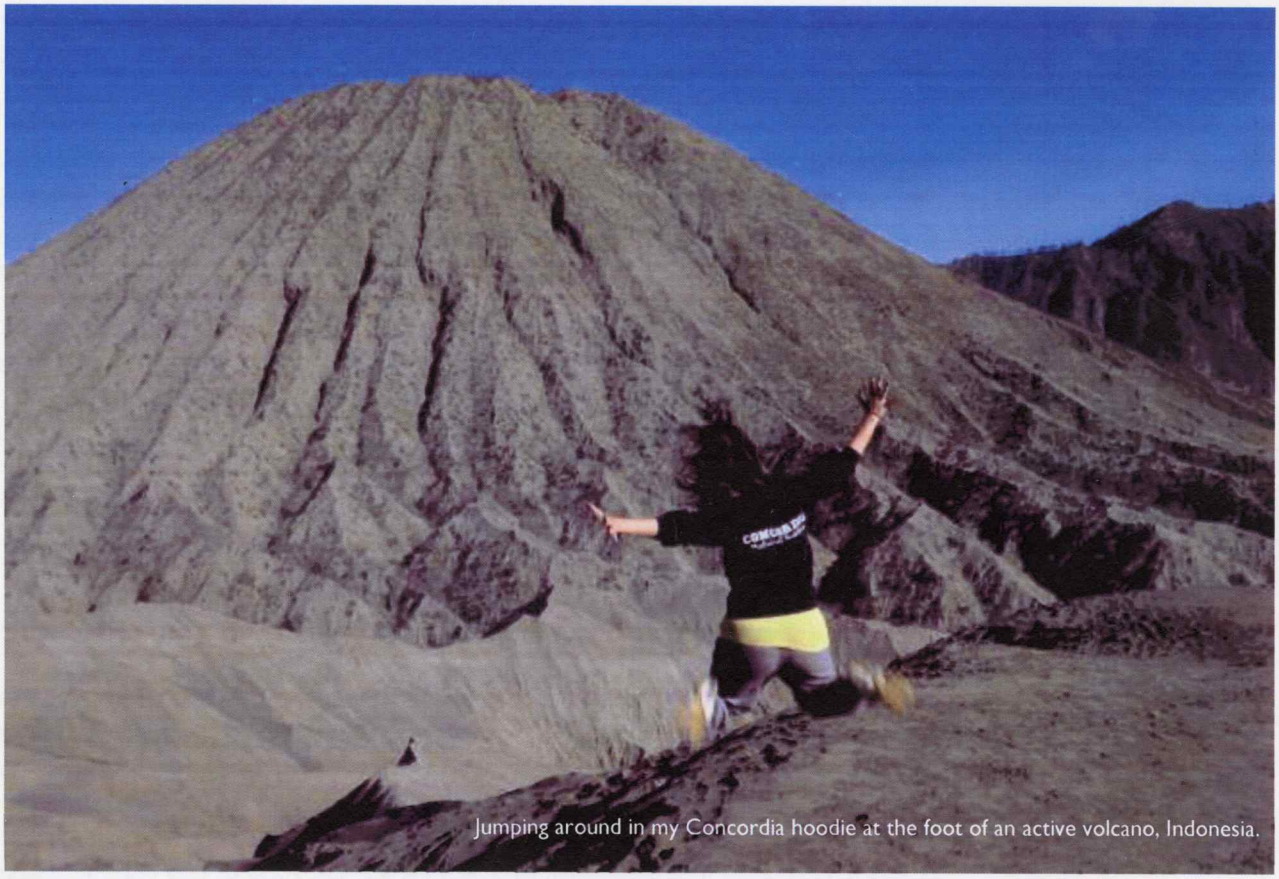
However, Singapore is small and one can drive from one side of the island to the next in little over an hour. Thankfully, flights are cheap, and travel is my second biggest vice, after eating of course. Singapore's convenient geographic location makes it a perfect hub for travelling South East Asia. With an entire airport terminal dedicated to budget airlines, the destinations to choose from are numerous. I have discovered much of Indonesia, where I made my way through old temples, rode horseback at sunrise to the top of an active volcano, and enjoyed turtle-filled turquoise island waters. I explored the rich culture of Cambodia even though the country was experiencing a grave flood.



Wearing mandatory sarong, at the top of the the century Borobodur temple, Indonesia.

There, I helped out at the ACODO orphanage in Siem Reap (www.acodo.org), and trekked through the treasures of Angkor Wat. I sailed the waters of the west coast of Thailand and navigated through the jagged rock islands and lagoons, *a la* James Bond.

Planes are not the only way of getting from one country to the next. Ferries are perfect for a relaxing beach weekend on the cost of Indonesia. And on bus, Malaysia is only a few hours away. The majestic Petronas twin towers will welcome you to the capital: Kuala Lumpur. Or again, a longer bus and a jetty will bring you to Pulau Dayang, a coveted island where I earned my scuba diving license.



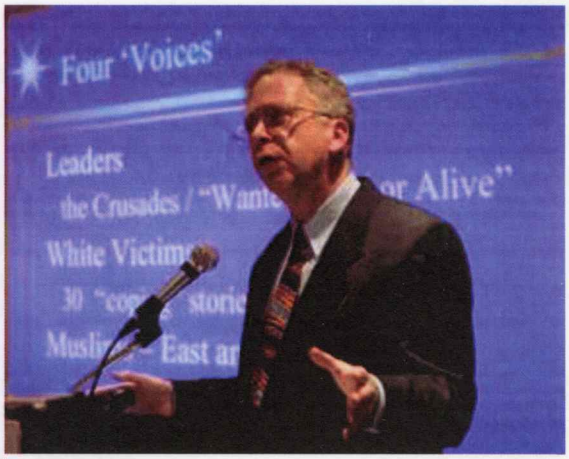
Jumping around in my Concordia hoodie at the foot of an active volcano, Indonesia.

The rest of my travels will take me to Myanmar (Burma), a country that is often boycotted because of its rough political climate and human rights negligence. However, this makes Myanmar a living museum whose culture makes it worthwhile being a sustainable tourist. After my exam period, I am heading north to Beijing, China. From Beijing, I will head to the Great Wall of China, explore the land, and find a monastery or two to sleep in on my way east to Hong Kong. After a few excitement filled days in Hong Kong (with the advice of our dear LICSA president Rich who was there on exchange last semester) I will start heading back to the other side of the world. Back to beautiful chilly Montreal, where we make snowmen out of diamond dust, choose hockey as a religion, and pour liquid gold on our crepes.

I know I will miss Singapore, but not as much as I missed Montreal. That is the magic about exchanges. You open your eyes to the world, to people from every corner of it. It becomes your home temporarily, and some of the people become your friends forever. You are completely submerged into a culture long enough for it to change your perspective of the world and then you come back and get to share your experiences. That is exactly what I intend to do: share. So next time you see me running from the campus to the shuttle bus, ask me about my exchange. I might tell you about the time I was proposed to in Indonesia, or the fact that I never quite got used to noodles for breakfast. But I will definitely tell you to go. Lion City or elsewhere, go on exchange, come back, and share.

Announcements

We are saddened to announce the passing of journalism Professor Ross Perigoe, who lost his battle to cancer on January 4, 2012. Professor Perigoe was a long-time fellow and supporter of Loyola International College and we will remember him fondly. The Concordia students who have studied under him for the past 25 years will remember him as a professor who always challenged his students to think critically about the world, while encouraging them to develop practical skills. Ross Perigoe is survived by his wife Christina and his sons, Evan and Clarke. Donations in his memory to support the Ross Perigoe Memorial Scholarship at Concordia can be made by calling 514 848 2424 ext. 3884. The scholarship was created thanks to the generosity of the Perigoe family and will benefit journalism students with priority t Condolences to the family can be sent to:



Picture by Richmond Lam.

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Or perigoe_c@hotmail.com

New LIC Internship in Sustainability: LOYC 398C

Our new internship is off to a flying start with 9 students already enrolled. Students in the Minor in Sustainability Studies are working on a range of projects including re-designing the intersection at Mackay and de Maisonneuve and cataloguing the tea garden in the Green House on top of the Hall building. Each student will roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty by spending 120 hours on a sustainability related project. Our partners in this course, Sustainable Concordia and the Dean of Student's office, play the important role of supervising the interns. At the end of the semester, the class reassembles to share their experiences with their fellow students by giving an oral presentation and writing a short paper. There will also be internship opportunities for students during the summer at Loyola Farm and during the fall 2012 semester on a wide variety of topics. Students in the minor in Diversity and the Contemporary World may also be able to register for this class. Please contact Cristina Barbu at 514 848 2424 ext. 2125 for more information.

Call for papers!

The 7th Concordia-Siena Conference on Globalization "Sustainability: Rio + 20" will take place on March 30 and 31, 2012. Students who would like to participate are asked to submit papers or presentations for consideration by March 15, 2012. Please send your submissions by email to loyolaic@alcor.concordia.ca and specify for which course your submission was developed. Please note that papers written for LOYC courses will be given priority. We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth May and Damon Matthews will be giving the key note speeches on March 30, 2012. The 7th Concordia-Siena Conference is an event that is free and open to the public.

Congratulations to all the Loyola International College students who made the 2010-2011 Dean's List!

Students on the Dean's List that have a GPA of 3.75 or higher and are academically in the top 6% in the Faculty of Arts and Science:

Apelian Herak
Arion Kristina
Asgary Adrienne
Beneat-Donald Megan
Bruyère Jeansil
Ducharme-Varin Jean-Francois
Dunbar Alexander
Hanley Kathleen
Hiscott Rebecca
Jennings Nathan
Johnson Alexandra
Longtin Cynthia
Morelli Didier
Napoletano Anthony
O'Donnell Shauna
Sedbon Lauren
Siontas Ioanna
Slutsky Jordana
Sorokin Ilia
Srivastava Malika
Surplice Vicki
Sypher Jessica
Thaw Amanda
Zoellner Andrea

We would further like to congratulate three LIC students for their outstanding academic success in 2010-11. These students were honoured at the Dean's Scholar Awards ceremony in October 2011 as they represent the top 1% of students in their respective departments.

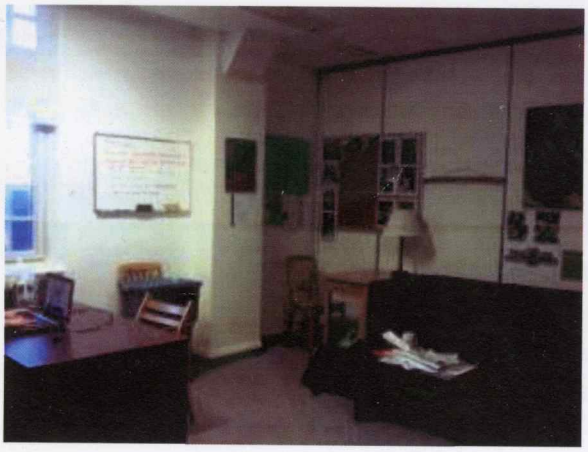
Herak Apelian

Jean François Ducharme-Varin

Alexandra Johnson

Undergraduate Research Day!

Students are encouraged to submit papers/presentations for Undergraduate Research Day which will take place on March 30, 2012. Deadline to send papers and presentations for consideration is March 10 and one student will be chosen for a short 10 minute oral presentation while 3 students will be chosen to create and showcase a poster on their research topic.



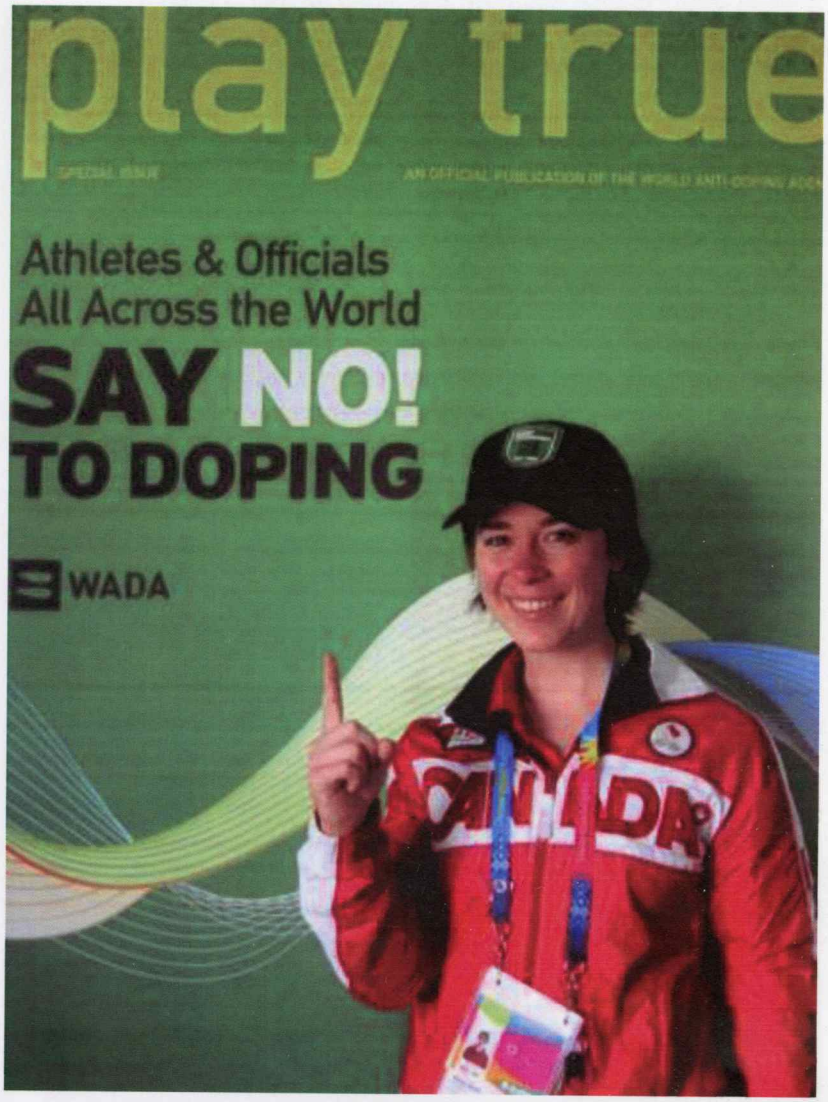
LIC Common Rooms

Loyola International College has two common rooms at student's disposal. AD 506 has a fridge, microwave, coffee maker as well as cozy couch to nap on, free teas and coffee. AD 504 has a computer, and offers students free printing. If you require the room codes, please contact the department. Please remember that this is a shared space and tidiness is required.

Reminder

Please remember that office hours change each semester. Winter office hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For those who wish to visit the office (e.g. academic advising), we recommend that you call beforehand to set up an appointment. Be aware that if you choose to simply drop-in, we cannot guarantee our availabilities.

Athletics and Academics



I discovered Loyola International College (LIC) in September 2006 while looking to replace a course. Little did I know that LIC would have such an impact on my academic life. My first class was with Dr. Rosemarie Schade, Principal of the Loyola International College and an absolutely amazing professor. I soon discovered that I wasn't only taking a course; I was becoming part of a small family.

I spent many hours studying and working in the room made available to students. One day, a group of students invited me to attend a meeting and I learned that the college had a student association! I became more and more involved in LIC's life, working hard to provide students with more opportunities. Less than a year after I entered LIC, I became the first President of the Loyola International College Student Association (LICSA).

As President of LICSA, I spent countless hours helping the administration with various tasks such as organizing LIC's first trip to New York for the annual Siena Conference; which was a complete success. Our hosts were also very pleased with the event. The annual Siena Conference is still happening today and it is a must for all students and faculty members! It is a great opportunity to exchange with students and faculty from our neighbours to the South.

There were also the infamous social events held at Dr. Schade's as well as many movie-nights and conferences, which also provided students with a great opportunity to exchange on various subjects with their peers and members of the academia.

The years 2006-2009 saw the creation of LIC/LICSA's first academic journal "The Loyola Kettle" which is now known as the LIC Newsletter. To this day, the Loyola International College and its Student Association has grown in maturity to become an icon of knowledge, cultural exchanges and excellence for Concordia University.

Since my LICSA years, life has taken me somewhere else; it has taken me to follow my childhood dream of being a High Performance cycling athlete on the international scene. I get the chance to travel all around the world to compete. I also get the opportunity to meet with other great athletes and learn about their experiences and about other cultures. I am grateful for the opportunity and thankful to the Loyola International College for all the education it has given me.

Today I am in preparation for the 2012 London Paralympic Games. It requires a lot of work and sacrifice to maintain a high level of performance and push the limits further. I train a minimum of five times a week. I have recently taken part in the Guadalajara Parapan American Games, which was a first experience for me since I began competing in 2009. I got to compete with cyclists from North, Central and South America. The first race was a 20km time trial, meaning you against the clock and I finished in 7th place. The achievement I am the most proud of is the 3000m individual pursuit at the Velodrome; I finished 3rd but broke a new World Record.

After a career in cycling, I plan on becoming a coach and inspire athletes to reach for their dream. I want to pass on what I receive today from my coach, who inspires me to reach higher. I'll be forever grateful for all he's given me.

Today, I would like to present the "LIC 2012 Student Engagement Award" to a student that has shown commitment to Loyola International College because I have faith LIC and LICSA will continue to bloom and become a lifetime experience for all its students and faculty, like it has been for me. I hope this award can serve as a helping hand to bring more opportunities to students.

The LIC 2012 Student Engagement Award

Amount: 250$

This award is open to both full-time and part-time students.

Deadline for nominations: February 20, 2012.

This award is open to students enrolled in the Minor in Diversity and the Contemporary World who have completed at least 9 credits at Loyola International College and who have demonstrated commitment and involvement with the Loyola International College community and/or Loyola International College Student Association. Faculty and students alike may nominate LIC students for this award. Students may also nominate themselves. Please note that nominations must be accompanied by a short paragraph describing the reasons the student should receive the award and should be sent by email to loyolaic@alcor.concordia.ca. For more information, please contact Loyola International College.

Cheers all,

Marie-Claude Molnar

EVENTS

Saving Nature in a Post-Wild World

Date: Friday, February 10, 2012
Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sponsored by: Department of Philosophy and Department of Biology

How should we conserve nature? How should we think about nature? Acclaimed science journalist Emma Marris has answers, and hope.

Returned from her travels and researches for the journal Nature and her book Rambunctious Garden, Marris enlivens environmentalism and conservation movements with a challenge. Stop aiming to save a fictional pristine wilderness. Aim instead to save the wondrous relationships we do have with the natural world. This optimistic talk introduces you to leading scientists and environmentalists, imaginary Edens, designer ecosystems, and Pleistocene parks. Marris also describes innovative conservation approaches, including rewilding, assisted migration, and the embrace of novel-ecosystems. All are invited to this free event, sponsored by the various offices listed below.

Department of Philosophy/Department of Biology/Concordia University/Faculty of Arts and Science/Loyola International College/Students of Philosophy Association

Location:
SGW Campus, Room MB-2.210
MB Building 1450 Guy

LICSA Potluck and Bowling Night

Hey Ladies and Gents,

LICSA is hosting a Potluck/ Bowling night Saturday, February 11. We'll start bowling at 6:00 pm then move to my place for a late dinner, potluck style, at around 8:00 pm. Bring some food, some wine and we'll have a good time!

Bowling address: http://maps.google.ca/maps?q=Quilles+G+Plus%2C+6510%2C+rue+Saint-Jacques%2C+Montreal%2C+QC+H4B+1T6%2C+Canada&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hl=en&sa=N&tab=wl

For my address, please send me an email at r.leschiutta@gmail.com.
See you soon,

Richard Leschiutta
President, Loyola International College Student Association

LIC/LICSA Documentary Screening: "What about me?"
By 1 Giant Leap

Tentative date: March 6, 2012 (Exact time and location TBA)

This documentary attempts to explore through music, the complexities of human nature cross-culturally. It is an attempt to reveal how we are all connected through our creativity - albeit having many differences of opinion - by examining open ended topics such as love, death and happiness from the perspective of many world views. Featuring a wide range of collaborators, it is an entertaining and thought provoking musical journey! More information on the band "1 Giant Leap" and a trailer can be found here: http://www.1giantleap.tv/#home

Cooking with the Profs!

The next cooking with the Profs Session will take place on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and will be hosted by Mary Anne Poutanen in her Westmount home. Please RSVP between March 12 and March 15, 2012 by email at loyolaic@alcor.concordia.ca. This internal event is free and opened to the LIC community.

Students enjoying a nice meal at Professor Anderson's home. From left to right: Professor Matthew Anderson, Francesco Qualliza, Kristina Arion, Isabella Harned, Edith G. Lebel, Rory Cleveland, Michael Mark, Richard Leschiutta.